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balloon (bə-lōon') *n.* 1. A bag inflated with a gas, as helium, that causes it to rise and float in the atmosphere. 2. A toy consisting of an inflatable rubber bag. —*v.* 1. To expand or cause to expand like a balloon. 2. To ride in a balloon. 3. To increase quickly. —**balloonist** *n.*

balloon tire *n.* A pneumatic tire with a wide tread, inflated to low pressure and designed for maximum cushioning.

ballot (bāl'ot) *n.* 1. A paper used to register a vote. 2. The act or a method of voting. 3. A list of candidates for office. 4. The total of votes cast. 5. The right to vote. —*v.* To cast a ballot; vote.

ballpark (bōl'pārk') *n.* 1. A baseball stadium. 2. Slang. The approximately proper range, as of an estimate. —**ballpark** *adj.*

ballpoint pen (bōl'point') *n.* A pen with a small self-inking ball bearing as its writing point.

ballroom (bōl'rōom', -rōom') *n.* A large room for dancing.

bal-ly-hoo (bāl'ē-hōo') *n.* Informal. 1. Sensational or exaggerated advertising. 2. Noisy talk or uproar. —**bal-ly-hoo'** *v.*

balm (bām) *n.* 1. A fragrant oil or ointment used medicinally. 2. Something that soothes, heals, or comforts.

balm-y (bā'mē) *adj.* -ier, -iest. 1. Having the quality of balm: mild and soothing. 2. Slang. Insane; crazy. —**balm'ly** *adv.* —**balm'i-ness** *n.*

ba-lo-ney (bə-lō'nē) *n.* 1. *var.* of BOLOGNA. 2. Slang. Nonsense.

bal-ee (bōl'ē) *n.* A tropical American tree, *Ochroma lagopus*, with extremely light, buoyant wood.

bal-sam (bōl'sām) *n.* 1. A fragrant resin or ointment obtained from various trees. 2. A tree that yields balsam, esp. the balsam fir. 3. A plant of the genus *Impatiens* cultivated for its colorful flowers.

balsam fir *n.* An American evergreen tree, *Abies balsamea*, often used as a Christmas tree.

Balti-more oriole (bōl'tā-mōr', -mōr') *n.* An American songbird, *Icterus galbula*, the male of which has brilliant orange, black, and white plumage.

bal-us-ter (bāl'us-tār) *n.* One of the upright posts supporting a handrail.

bal-us-trade (bāl'us-trād') *n.* A handrail and the balusters that support it.

bam-boo (bām-bōo') *n.* Any of various tall, usually woody tropical grasses of the genus *Bambusa* with hollow, jointed stems.

bam-boo-zle (bām-bōo'zāl) *v.* -zled, -zling. Informal. To deceive; trick.

ban (bān) *v.* banned, ban-ning. To forbid; prohibit. —*n.* An official prohibition.

ban¹ (bān) *n.* *pl.* ba-ni (bā'nē). —See table at CURRENCY.

ba-nal (bə-nāl', -nāl', bā'nāl) *adj.* Lacking freshness; trite. —**ba-nal'i-ty** *n.*

ba-na-na (bə-nā'nā) *n.* A tree-like tropical or subtropical plant of the genus *Musa*, esp. *M.*

sapientum, with hanging clusters of crescent-shaped edible pulpy fruit.

band¹ (bānd) *n.* 1. *a.* A strip used to encircle or bind. *b.* A strip used to trim, finish, or reinforce. 2. A range of radio wavelengths. —*v.* To encircle, bind, or identify with a band.

band² (bānd) *n.* 1. A group of persons or animals. 2. A group of musicians who play in an ensemble. —*v.* To form, assemble, or unite in a group.

band-age (bān'dij) *n.* A strip of material used to dress a wound. —*v.* -daged, -daging. To put a bandage on.

band-dan-na or **band-dan-a** (bān-dā'nā) *n.* A large brightly colored, usu. patterned handkerchief.

band-box (bānd'bōks') *n.* A cylindrical box for carrying articles of apparel.

band-deau (bān-dō') *n.* *pl.* -deaux (-dōz') or -deaus. 1. A narrow band, esp. for the hair. 2. A brassiere.

band-de-rol or **band-de-rol** (bān-dē-rōl') *n.* A narrow forked streamer or flag.

band-dit (bān'dit) *n.* 1. A robber. 2. A gangster. —**band'it-ry** *n.*

band-do-lier or **band-do-lier** (bān-dō-lir') *n.* A belt, esp. for cartridges, that is worn over the shoulder.

band saw *n.* A power saw in the form of a continuous toothed metal band driven around 2 wheels.

band-stand (bānd'stānd') *n.* An open roofed platform for a band or orchestra.

band-wagon (bānd'wāg'an) *n.* 1. A wagon used to carry musicians in a parade. 2. Informal. A cause or party that gathers increasing approval or support.

band-y (bān'dē) *v.* -died, -dy-ing. 1. To toss back and forth. 2. To exchange casually or frivolously. —*adj.* Curved outward <bandy legs>

bane (bān) *n.* 1. A cause of harm or ruin. 2. A poison. —**bane'ful** *adj.*

bang¹ (bāng) *n.* 1. A sudden loud noise. 2. Slang. A thrill. —*v.* 1. To hit or move with a loud noise. 2. To bump < banged her elbow >

—*adv.* Exactly; precisely.

bang² (bāng) *n.* *often* bangs. A fringe of hair cut short, esp. across the forehead.

ban-gle (bāng'gal) *n.* 1. A rigid bracelet or anklet, esp. one with no clasp. 2. An ornament that hangs from a necklace.

bang-up (bāng'up) *adj.* Informal. Excellent <a bang-up party>

ban-ish (bān'ish) *v.* 1. To oblige to leave a country; exile. 2. To drive away; expel. * *syns:* DEPORT, EXILE, EXPATRIATE, EXPEL, OSTRACIZE —**ban'ish-ment** *n.*

ban-is-ter also **ban-nis-ter** (bān'is-tār) *n.* 1. A baluster. 2. The handrail of a staircase.

ban-jo (bān'jō) *n.* *pl.* -jos or -joes. A fretted stringed instrument with a narrow neck, a hollow circular body, and usu. 5 strings. —**ban'jo-ist** *n.*

bank¹ (bāngk) *n.* 1. A piled-up mass, as of earth or snow. 2. A slope of land adjoining a body of water, as a river. 3. An elevation of

the sea floor. 4. The sideways slope of a surface on a curve or of a motor vehicle rounding a curve. —*v.* 1. To border or protect with a bank. 2. To pile up in a bank. 3. To cover (a fire) with ashes or fuel for slow burning. 4. To construct (a curve) with a slope rising to the outside edge. 5. To tilt (an aircraft) laterally in flight.

bank² (bāngk) *n.* 1. An establishment that performs financial transactions such as receiving, investing, and lending money. 2. A supply of or storage place for something desired or needed <a blood bank> —*v.* 1. To deposit (money) in a bank. 2. To transact business with a bank. 3. To operate a bank. —**bank'er** *n.*

bank³ (bāngk) *n.* 1. A group of things arranged in a row <a bank of elevators> 2. A row of oars.

bank-book (bāngk'bōok') *n.* The depositor's book in which a bank enters deposits and withdrawals.

bank holiday *n.* A day on which banks are legally closed.

bank note *n.* A note issued by an authorized bank and acceptable as money.

bank-roll (bāngk'rōl') *n.* Informal. A person's ready cash; funds. —*v.* To underwrite the expense of.

bank-rupt (bāngk'rūpt', -rupt) *n.* A debtor who is judged legally insolvent and whose remaining property is administered for or divided among the creditors. —*adj.* 1. Financially ruined, esp. legally declared bankrupt. 2. Utterly lacking; depleted <bankrupt of compassion> —**bank'rupt** *v.* —**bank'rupt-ry** *n.*

ban-ner (bān'ər) *n.* 1. A piece of cloth attached to a staff and used as a standard by a monarch or commander. 2. A flag. —*adj.* Unusually good; outstanding.

ban-nock (bān'ək) *n.* A usu. unleavened griddlecake made of oatmeal or barley.

banns (bānz) *pl. n.* An announcement, esp. in church, of a forthcoming marriage.

ban-quet (bāng'kwit') *n.* 1. An elaborate feast. 2. A ceremonial dinner. —*v.* To entertain at or partake of a banquet.

ban-quette (bāng'kēt') *n.* 1. A platform lining a trench or parapet wall for guns or gunners. 2. *S. U.S.* A sidewalk. 3. A long upholstered seat against or built into a wall.

ban-shee (bān'shē) *n.* A female spirit in Gaelic folklore whose wailing warns of a death in a family.

ban-tam (bān'tām) *n.* 1. One of a breed of small domestic fowl. 2. A small but aggressive person. —**ban'tam** *adj.*

ban-ter (bān'tār) *n.* Good-humored, teasing conversation. —*v.* To engage or indulge in banter.

Ban-tu (bān'tōo) *n.* *pl.* -tu or -tus. 1. A large group of related languages spoken in C, E, and S Africa. 2. A member of a Bantu-speaking people. —**Ban'tu** *adj.*

ban-yan (bān'yan) *n.* A tropical tree, *Ficus benghalensis*, with many aerial roots that grow downward to form additional trunks

ban-zai (bān-zī') *n.* A Japanese battle cry or cheer.

ba-o-bab (bā'ō-bāb', bou'-) *n.* A tree, *Adansonia digitata*, of tropical Africa, with a trunk up to 30 ft in diameter and hard-shelled fleshy fruit.



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bap-tism (bāp'tiz'm) *n.* 1. A Christian sacrament of spiritual rebirth symbolized by the ritual application of water. 2. An ordeal by which one is initiated. —**bap-tis'mal** *adj.*

Bap-tist (bāp'tist) *n.* A member of a Protestant denomination that practices voluntary adult baptism by immersion.

bap-tis-try also **bap-tis-try** (bāp'tis-trē) *n.* *pl.* -ies also -tries. A place, esp. a part of a church, where the ceremony of baptism is performed.

bap-tize (bāp'tiz', bāp'tiz') *v.* -tized, -tizing. 1. To sprinkle with or immerse in water during baptism. 2. To initiate. 3. To christen. —**bap-tiz'er** *n.*

bar (bār) *n.* 1. A rather long, rigid piece of solid material used esp. as a fastener or support. 2. A solid block of a substance <a bar of soap> 3. An obstacle; barrier. 4. A long, narrow marking, as a stripe. 5. A. The railing in a courtroom enclosing the area where the lawyers and defendants sit. b. A system of law courts. c. The legal profession. 6. Mus. A vertical line that divides a staff into equal measures. 7. a. A counter where drinks are served. b. A place with such a counter. —*v.* barred, bar-ring. 1. To fasten with or as if with bars. 2. To prohibit; forbid. 3. To keep out; exclude. —*prep.* Except for; excluding.

barb (bārb) *n.* 1. A sharp backward-pointing projection, as on an arrow. 2. A cutting remark. 3. Bot. A hooked bristle or hairlike projection. —**barbed** *adj.*

bar-bar-i-an (bār-bār'ē-an) *n.* 1. A member of a people or culture thought of as being primitive, uncivilized, or savage. 2. A fierce or cruel person. 3. A person lacking in culture; boor. —**bar-bar'i-an** *adj.* —**bar-bar'i-an-ism** *n.*

bar-bar-ic (bār-bār'ik) *adj.* 1. Of, relating to, or characteristic of barbarians. 2. Crude in taste, style, or behavior.

bar-bar-ism (bār-bār'iz'm) *n.* 1. An act, custom, or trait marked by coarseness or brutal-

bow saw A thin-bladed saw held in tension by a special frame or sometimes by a bow.

box (a) A portion of a mechanism resembling a box such as a valve box. (b) A bearing for a shaft.

box angle plate A metal box or cube with slots machined in the face for the accurate mounting of work.

box coupling (muff coupling) A cylindrical coupling, split longitudinally, for uniting two lengths of coupling or connecting two shafts, the halves being bolted together and keyed to the shafts. Also known as "sleeve coupling." See also *burst coupling*.

box end A connecting rod with no loose strap end but with the brasses thrust into a coupling.

slot from one side, slid along until the drill bit was centered and then drilled from the other side. A jig made in the form of a box into which the job to be drilled is inserted and fastened by suitable pins and faces. (See *Figure J.2*.)

located by suitable pins and faces. A *slot link* is a box link *A slot link* with the internal faces recessed so that the edges act as additional bearing surfaces. See also *link*.

bay'loom A *loom* provided with several shuttle boxes

box loom A loom provides regularity in the weaving process. The **box of tricks** (escape motion) The building motion of a *fly frame* which regulates the speed of the bobbin, reverses the traverse of the lifting rail and reduces this to each layer of *rowing* is laid on the *bobbin*.

box tools Combinations of separate tools secured in a box for attachment to the faces of a lathe turret. See *turret head*.

bracket A support for a machine part.

bracket chain wheel sprocket.

brake A device or mechanism for applying frictional resistance to the motion of a body and thereby absorbing mechanical energy by transferring it into heat (*a*) to retard a vehicle, or (*b*) to measure the power developed by an engine or motor. See *air brake*; *band brake*; *block brake*; *brake shoes*; *centrifugal brake*; *disc brake*; *drum brake*; *fronde brake*; *hydraulic brake*; *multiple disc brake*; *pneumatic brake*; *spring-set brake*; *rope brake*.

brake band The strap or band encircling a *brake drum*

brake block Blocks of material for applying a frictional force in a brake. See also *brake lining*.

brake drum (a) A drum or pulley attached to a wheel (or shaft), to which is applied an external band or internal brake shoes. See *band brakes*; *internal expanding brake*, *Figure B.14*. (b) A large drum used for winding the rope which lifts and lowers the cage in a colliery or pulls the trucks in quarries or operates the lifts in buildings. Also called a "winding drum."

brake horsepower (bhp) The *horsepower* developed by an engine as measured by a brake or dynamometer applied to the driving shaft.

brake lining. Asbestos-based fabric riveted or bonded to the shoes of *internal expanding brakes* to increase the friction between them and the drum and, at the same time, to provide a renewable surface. Cf. *brake shoes*.

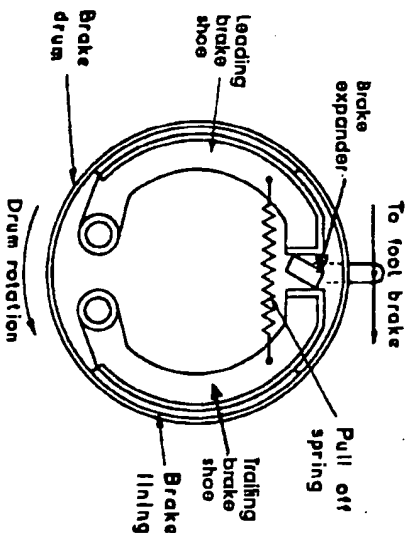


Figure B.14 Internal expanding brake.

boun-ti-ful (boun'ti-ful) *adj.* 1. Giving liberally. 2. Copious : plentiful. —**boun-ti-ful-ly** *adv.*

boun-ty (boun'tē) *n., pl. -ties*. 1. Liberality in giving. 2. Something liberally given. 3. A reward, payment, or inducement, esp. one given by a government for the performance of services beneficial to the state.

bounty hunter *n.* One who hunts predatory animals or outlaws for a bounty.

bou-quet (bō-kā', bōō-) *n.* 1. Cut flowers fastened in a bunch. 2. The fragrance typical of a wine.

bour-bon (būr'ban) *n.* A whiskey distilled from a fermented mash.

bour-geois (bōōr-zhwā', bōōr-zhwā') *n., pl. -geois*. A member of the middle class. —**bour-geois** *adj.*

bour-geoi-sie (bōōr-zhwā-zē') *n.* The middle class as opposed to the nobility or the working class.

bour-geon (būr'jan) *v. var. of* BURGEON.

bout (bout) *n.* 1. A match : contest. 2. A length of time spent in a particular way <a bout of drinking> <a bout of mumps>

bou-tique (bōō-tēk') *n.* A small shop selling fashionable clothes and accessories.

bou-ton-nière also **bou-ton-nière** (bōōr-n-ir', yār') *n.* A flower worn in a buttonhole.

Bou-vier des Flan-dres (bōō-vyā' da flān'darz, flān'dra) *n.* A large, rough-coated dog orig. used in Belgium for herding and guarding cattle.

bou-zou-ki (bōō-zōō'kē, bō-) *n.* A Greek stringed instrument similar to a mandolin.

bo-vine (bō'vin', -vén') *adj.* 1. Of or resembling an ox or cow. 2. Sluggish : dull.

bow¹ (bō) *n.* 1. A weapon consisting of a curved stave strung taut from end to end and used to launch arrows. 2. A rod with horsehair drawn tightly between its ends, used to play the violin, viola, and related stringed instruments. 3. A knot usu. having 2 loops and 2 ends. 4. A rainbow. —*v.* 1. To bend into a bow. 2. To play (a stringed instrument) with a bow.

bow² (bou) *v.* 1. To bend (the head, body, or knee) as an expression of greeting, consent, or courtesy. 2. To comply : submit. —**bow out**. To withdraw : resign. —*n.* The act or an instance of bowing.

bow³ (bou) *n.* The forward part of a boat.

bowd-le-er-ize (bōd'la-riz', boud'-) *v. -ized, -iz-ing*. To expurgate (e.g., a book) prudishly. —**bowd'ler-iza-tion** *n.*

bow-el (bou'el, boul) *n.* 1. An intestine, esp. of a human being. 2. *often* bowels. The digestive tract below the stomach. 3. bowels. The interior <the bowels of the ship>

bow-er (bou'er) *n.* A shaded, leafy recess : arbor. —**bow-er-y** *adj.*

bow-front (bō'frunt') *adj.* Having an outward-curving front, as a bureau.

bow-head (bō'hēd') *n.* A large-headed whale, *Balaena mysticetus*, of Arctic seas.

bow-ie knife (bō'ē, bōō'ē) *n.* A thick-bladed single-edged hunting knife.

bow-knot (bō'nōt') *n.* 1. A knot with large, decorative loops. 2. A bowtie.

bowl¹ (bōl) *n.* 1. A hemispherical vessel for liquids or food. 2. A bowl-shaped part, as of a spoon. 3. A bowl-shaped theater or stadium. —**bowl'ful** *n.*

bowl² (bōl) *n.* 1. A large wooden ball rolled in certain games. 2. A roll of the ball, as in bowling. —*v.* 1. To take part in the game of bowling. 2. To roll (a ball) in bowling. —**bowl over**. To surprise : astound.

bow-leg (bō'lēg') *n.* A leg with outward curvature in the region of the knee. —**bow'leg-ged** *adj.*

bowl-er¹ (bō'lar) *n.* One that bowls.

bowl-er² (bō'lar) *n. esp. Brit.* A derby hat.

bow-line (bō'lin', -lin') *n.* A knot with a loop that won't slip.

bowling (bō'ling) *n.* 1. A game played by rolling a ball down a wooden alley in order to knock down a triangular formation of 10 pins. 2. A similar game, as skittles.

bowling alley *n.* 1. A smooth, level lane used for bowling. 2. A place containing bowling alleys.

bow-man (bō'man) *n.* An archer.

bow-sprit (bou'sprit', bō'-) *n.* A spar that extends forward from the stem of a ship.

bow-string (bō'string') *n.* The string tied to either end of an archer's bow.

bow tie (bō) *n.* A small necktie tied in the shape of a bow knot.

box¹ (bōks) *n.* 1. A usu. rectangular container, typically having a lid. 2. The amount that a box holds. 3. A separated compartment in a theater for the seating of a small group. 4. *Baseball*. A designated area where the batter, pitcher, or coaches stand. 5. An awkward situation : predicament. —*v.* To put in or as if in a box.

box² (bōks) *n.* A blow with the hand. —*v.* 1. To hit with the hand. 2. To take part in a boxing match (with).

box³ (bōks) *n., pl. box or box-es*. An evergreen tree or shrub of the genus *Buxus*, esp. *B. sempervirens*, having hard, yellowish wood and used for hedges.

box-car (bōks'kār') *n.* An enclosed railway car used for transporting freight.

box-er¹ (bōk'sar) *n.* One who boxes, esp. as a profession.

box-er² (bōk'sar) *n.* A short-haired dog orig. bred in Germany, with a brownish coat and a square muzzle.

boxer shorts *pl.n.* Full-cut undershorts.

box-ing (bōk'sing) *n.* The sport of fighting with the fists, usu. with padded gloves.

box office *n.* A ticket office, as of a stadium or theater.

box spring *n.* A bedspring consisting of a frame enclosed with cloth and containing rows of coil springs.

box-wood (bōks'wōd') *n.* 1. The box tree. 2. The hard wood of the box tree.

boy (boi) *n.* A male child or youth. —*interj.* —Used to express mild astonishment, dis-

gust, etc. —**boy'h**

—**boy-ish-ly** *adv.* —

boy-cott (boi'kōt') *ing or dealing with* —**boy-cott'** *n.*

boy-friend (boi'frē: companion or sweet

Boy Scout *n.* A : boys' organization t: velopment and citiz

boy-sen-berry (bi: bramble hybridized various blackberries large, wine-red, edit

Br symbol for BROM-

bra (brā) *n.* A brassi-

brace (brās) *n.* 1. A supporting beam, th weight. 3. *Med.* An : a part of the body. : bands and wires li: crooked alignment. : to connect several : like handle for secu

braces, *esp. Brit.* Su: things. —*v.* braced, with or as if with a impact or danger. 3.

brace-let (brās'lit) encircling the wrist.

brack-en (brāk'an) *aquilibrium, with tou*

brack-en (brāk'en) *n.* one arm of which is : face, the other arm weight, as a shelf. 2. by brackets. 3. Either: used to enclose print: A classification or g according to incom: means of a bracket. 2

3. To group together

brack-ish (brāk'ish) *briny. —brack'ish-n*

bract (brākt) *n.* A lea: the stalk of a flower

brad (brād) *n.* A sm:

brae (brā) *n. Scot.* A

brag (brāg) *v.* bragge assert boastfully. —

brag-ga-do-ci-o (brā: 1. A braggart. 2. a. E: ro-gant manner : coci:

brag-gart (brāg'art) :


Brah-ma (brā'ma) : Hindu triad who cre:

Brah-man (brā'ma: (-mā). The divine re: Hinduism, the term: being originates and also Brah-min (-min est Hindu caste. 3.

Brah-min (-min). On: veloped in the S.U.S. the shoulders and

—**Brah'man-ism** *n.*

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box (CONTAINER) /bɒks/ noun [C]

a container with stiff sides, shaped like a rectangle, or the contents of such a container

a cardboard/cereal box

a box of chocolates (= the container and its contents)

A box is also a small space on a form marked by lines in the shape of a square: *If you want to receive electronic updates, put a check in the box.*

A box is sometimes a small enclosed place: *the jury box*

A **box office** is a place in a theater where tickets are sold.

box /bɒks/ verb [T]

to put (something) in a box

Someone from the nursing home must have boxed up his clothes. [M]

(FIG.) My car was boxed in (= blocked) by two other cars, and I couldn't get out. [M]

To **box** someone **in** is to limit their choices in a difficult situation:

Reagan appears to have boxed himself in, committed to military action or looking weak and foolish if he does nothing.

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Main Entry: ²**box**

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English, from Old English, from Late Latin *buxis*, from Greek *pyxis*, from *pyxos* box tree

Date: before 12th century

1 : a rigid typically rectangular container with or without a cover
<a cigar *box*>: as **a** : an open cargo container of a vehicle **b** :

COFFIN

2 : the contents of a box especially as a measure of quantity

3 : a box or boxlike container and its contents: as **a** *British* : a gift in a box **b** : an automobile transmission **c** : **TELEVISION** **d** : a signaling apparatus <alarm *box*> **e** : a usually self-contained piece of electronic equipment **f** : **BOOM BOX**

4 : an often small space, compartment, or enclosure: as **a** : an enclosed group of seats for spectators (as in a theater or stadium)

b : a driver's seat on a carriage or coach **c** : a cell for holding mail

d *British* : **BOX STALL** **e** : **PENALTY BOX**

5 : a usually rectangular space that is frequently outlined or demarcated on a surface: as **a** : any of six spaces on a baseball diamond where the batter, coaches, pitcher, and catcher stand **b** : a space on a page for printed matter or in which to make a mark

6 : **PREDICAMENT**, **FIX**

7 : a cubical building

- **box·ful** /-ful/ *noun*

- **box·like** /-ˈlik/ *adjective*

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